Annual Report
on the Health of the
Tenterden Rural Sanitary District
in 1895.

Census 1881		Census 1891.	
No. of Acres	38,854.	No. of Acres	38,854.
Inhabited Houses	1,436.	Inhabited Houses	1,400.
Population	6,841.	Population	6,537.

The population at the middle of 1895 was 6,411, estimated by the method adopted by the Registrar General.

The Births registered were 178, including 84 of males and 94 of females, and the birth-rate per 1,000 persons living in the district was 27.7 as against 23.9 in 1894.

There were 98 deaths returned, which include 37 of males and 61 of females, equal to a death-rate of 15.1 as against 11.5 of 1894.

The seven principal Zymotic Diseases caused 5 deaths, viz:- 3 from Diphtheria and 2 from Whooping-cough.

They gave a Zymotic death-rate of 0.7 as against 0.8 in the previous year.

Under the provisions of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 14 cases were reported as against 12 in 1894, and 31 in 1893.

They included 2 of Scarlet Fever, 9 of Diphtheria, one of Enteric Fever, one of Erysipelas and one of Membranous Croup.

Scarlet Fever. The two cases notified occurred one in the Parish of Biddenden, and one in the Parish of Rolvenden. Neither of them proved fatal.

Diphtheria. All the 9 cases of this disease occurred in the Parish of Biddenden, and 3 cases resulted in the death of the patients.

Membranous Croup. The only case reported occurred in the Parish of Woodchurch, and did not take a fatal course.

Enteric Fever. The Parish of Rolvenden supplied one case of this disease and the patient recovered.

Erysipelas. One case occurred in the Parish of Woodchurch, but no death.

Whooping-cough. Two children died of this disease, both under 5 years of age one in the Parish of Kenardington and the other in the Parish of Rolvenden.

Mr Turner's Report on work carried out by him during the year, the tables of statistics usually included, and the tables required by the Local Government Board are appended.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
James Scott Tew,
Medical Officer of Health.

March 1896.

To,

The Chairman and Members of the
Tenterden Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report, as Inspector of Nuisances, from March 6th to December 31st 1895.

During this period 179 inspections have been made and in 70 cases nuisances were found to exist, these were served with "Notices to abate" and 69 carried out the works suggested in the Notice.

A house to house inspection has been made in several Parishes and I intend to continue this until the whole of the District has been visited.

Considerable overcrowding exists in the District, but in most cases the houses and tenants have been clean.

In several Parishes the only water supplies available are ponds. I need hardly point out to you how liable these supplies are to pollution from cesspools &c

13 Certificates under the Not. of Dis. Act have been received and in all cases a minute inspection and enquiries have been made to trace the origin of the outbreak. Where illness has occurred, and the people have been too poor to purchase disinfectants the same have been supplied to them free.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
W. L. C. Turner.

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Table A

The number of Deaths from all causes and from the seven principal Zymotic Diseases with their Death Rates; the principal causes of Death and the Infant mortality in the Tenterden Rural District in each Quarter of 1895.

Quarters.	Total Deaths	Death rate per 1000.	Deaths from 7 principal Zym: Diseases.	Zymotic Death rate.	Smallpox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Measles	Whooping cough.	Diarrhoea	Phthisis	Puerperal Fever.	Croup.	Influenza.	Erysipelas.	Bronch. Pleurisy. Pneumonia.	Heart Disease	Injuries	Other Diseases.	Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1000 Births.
1st "	33	20.4	1	0.6	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	1	.	5	4	1	19	119
2nd "	28	17.3	1	0.6	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	4	.	.	2	.	2	1	.	18	149
3rd "	15	9.2	2	1.2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	9	69
4th "	22	13.6	1	0.6	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	4	1	1	13	65
Totals	98	15.1	5	0.7	.	.	3	.	.	2	.	10	.	.	3	.	13	6	2	59	101

Table B

Deaths from Zymotic Diseases during the past ten years and in 1895.

Zymotic Diseases.	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	Average of ten years	1895
Small Pox	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.0	0
Scarlet Fever	.	.	.	.	.	.	1		.	.	0.1	0
Diphtheria	6	.	1	.	.	2		9	.	.	1.8	3
Fevers	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.2	0
Measles	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.3	0
Whooping cough	1	6		1	.	1	4	1	.	5	1.9	2
Diarrhoea	1	1	1	1	.	1	2	2	.	.	0.9	0
Total 7 Zymotics	10	7	4	3	.	4	7	12	.	5	5.2	5
Other Zymotics	4	3	.	2	3	.	5	2	5	1	2.5	3
Totals	14	10	4	5	3	4	12	14	5	6	7.7	8

Table C

The more populous Parishes in the Tenterden Rural District ranged in the order of their Death-Rates; the total Deaths; Deaths from the seven principal Zymotic Diseases and the Zymotic Death-Rates in the year 1895.

Parishes.	Census Population 1891.	Total Deaths	Death-Rate per 1,000.	Deaths from 7 principal Zymotic Diseases.	Zymotic Death-Rate
High Halden	646	4	6·1	0	0·0
Biddenden	1,362	12	8·7	3	2·1
Wittersham	803	12	15·3	0	0·0
Appledore	595	8	15·5	0	0·0
Woodchurch	1,179	22	18·9	0	0·0
Rolvenden	1,194	25	21·4	1	0·8